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# MONTEREY NEWS



OUR TOWN

April, 1981

## Candidates for Election 1981:

Moderator, 1 year

Eugene W. O'Connell, D

John David O'Connor, R

Selectman, 3 years

Hans T. Kessler, D

Mildred A. Walsh, R

Board of Appeals, 5 years

Maureen P. Bradley, R-D

(candidate for re-election)

Assessor, 1 year

John David O'Connor, R-D

Assessor, 3 year

Peter Spiro Vallianos, R-D

(Candidate for re-election)

Auditor, 1 year

John F. Jefferson R-D

(Candidate for re-election)

Cemetery Committee, 3 years

Florence G. Brown, R-D

(candidate for re-election)

Finance Committee, 3 years

Jane S. Kessler, D

Nikolas F. Wool, R

Library Trustee

Alice R. Schick, R-D

(candidate for re-election)

Park Commission, 3 years

Steven A. Small, R-D

Planning Board, 1 year

Melvane Dyer-Bennet, D

Arthur C. Hastedt, R

Planning Board, 5 years

Clifford Myron Baker, R-D

Southern Berkshire School District

School Committee

Joseph R. Burkholder, R-D

(Candidate for re-election)

## Notes on Candidates for Selectman:

Hans Kessler was born in Germany in 1918. He moved with his family to Turkey in 1933. In 1938 he immigrated into the United States. He attended Hamilton College and graduated with a BA in 1942. From 1942 until 1945 he served in the U.S. Army. He was employed by the Mobile Corporation in 1946 and spent eleven years overseas. He returned to Mobil's New York headquarters in 1957 and remained there until his retirement in 1979. Hans and his wife Jane bought a house in Monterey in 1958 and are living there now with their two daughters Elise and Hildy. He is a member of Christ Church in Sheffield and is an Associate Member of the United Church of Christ in Monterey. He enjoys hiking, skiing and gardening.

Mildred Walsh was born in Monterey in 1920. She attended the local schools and graduated from Searles High School in Great Barrington. She owned a beauty shop in Lenox and then in Sheffield for over twenty years. She now owns a combination Gas Station and Natural Foods Store on Route 23. She has lived in Monterey for forty years of her life. She raised her two children, Bonnie and Brook, in Monterey and has therefore been closely involved with the Southern Berkshire public school system. She is a member of the United Church of Christ and has been active both in the church and as a leader of its Youth Groups. She is now a member of the Monterey Energy Project and by her involvement in this group is hoping to make the town of Monterey energy self-sufficient.

## April Community Dinner

The Community Dinner for April will be held on Wednesday, April 28 at 6:30 PM. Candidates for the upcoming elections will be present to meet with and answer questions from interested voters.

Annual Town Meeting, May 2, Saturday in the Monterey Church Social Room.



The Warrant for 1981

The warrant this year contains an assortment of remarkably uncontroversial issues. After the unusual expenses of the last few years and in view of the oppressively tight national economy, the Selectmen and the Finance Committee, evincing both courage and restraint, have laid out a modest budget for Monterey for 1981. This is the year to lay low and slide by. The Southern Berkshire Regional School Committee managed to cut the amount of money it intends to assess member towns by 6.7%. For Monterey that means \$24,398 less than we paid last year. In a grim statement attached to its proposed budget the School Committee said that it hopes the reductions in the budget "will not too adversely affect the quality of education" in our District. Monterey's own proposed budget is about \$70,000 less than the proposed budget for 1980. Nevertheless, the various changes in our financial relationship to the state and the Federal government are likely to make Monterey more dependent on its own revenue than before. No one knows yet where Monterey taxes, up about 30% last year, are going this year.

Spring Weatherization Co-op Underway

A second weatherization co-op is being sponsored by the Monterey Energy Project. Forms for ordering weatherization materials are available at Walsh's Mobile Station, Monterey General Store, and Roadside Store. Deadline for submitted forms is April 27 at 5:00 PM. Goods will be available to be picked up at the United Church of Christ on Saturday, May 16 from 10 AM to Noon. The list is longer this time and includes both insulation and storm windows. Prices are quite low. Take advantage.

Letter to the Editor

Ned Black writes that he is a fish hobbyist, a naturalist and a biology teacher. He asked to be able to express his concern for Lake Garfield in the following treatise:

Garfield: A Healthy Lake

The water sparkles crystal clear. It is full of life, a fine balance of plants and animals. This is the natural scheme. It's very simple; really it is. A delicate "web" of interacting living forms, the survival of each is dependent on the others. The sun provides the energy. The plants capture that energy and change it to food and the food is then transferred from one life form to another as animals eat plants and animals eat animals. Animal wastes are absorbed by plants and plant by-products are used by animals. Nutrients and wastes are exchanged in a constant flow of chemical changes. The concepts are simple but the mechanisms are complex. The lake is dependent on the well being of its inhabitants. Healthy plants and animals are indicators of a healthy body of water.

The question of what to do about the "weeds" in lake Garfield has been asked frequently. The presence of the aquatic plant Elodea or Anacharis (it is referred to by either name) indicates a healthy lake. The plant does grow rapidly and may be considered a nuisance in parts of the Lake, but is it a weed? Elodea is an exceptional oxygen provider and effectively filters lake water while providing an important home and spawning ground for fish and other aquatic life.

Lowering the lake's water level has proven itself to be an ecologically and economically sound method of eliminating some of the plant population (and thus a controlling factor preventing overpopulation). Other mechanical methods could also be employed, such as harvesting. More research is needed. The use of herbicides scares me, as chemical additives will affect water quality, both in the lake and in the ground water of the surrounding area.

People enjoy swimming, boating and skiing in Lake Garfield and residents around the lake take pride in saying, "you can drink the lake water". I have traveled extensively through the United States, Canada and Europe and have seen the pure and the polluted. Lake Garfield is surely among the pure. Let's keep it that way.

Sincerely,  
Ned Black

Report of Democratic Issue-Convention

As the Monterey delegate to the Democratic Issue-Convention on April 11 in the Civic Center in Springfield, the FIRST official gathering of Democrats in the nation since President Reagan's election, I was encouraged to find that inspite of media-reports the Democratic Party is still a vigorous part of the whole political arena in the country.

Three thousand-plus delegates were first "treated" to a speech by Governor King, great master of platitudes and clichés. This was followed by a very different performance by Senator Kennedy. A five minutes standing ovation with six thousand hands clapping away had me wonder if the rafters were up to these vigorous vibrations...Praise be, they were! Kennedy reminded us to repeated applause that the basic ideals of the Democratic Party were as valid today as they were at Roosevelt's time. The Party's concern with the wellbeing of every citizen was in no way to be equated with waste and inefficiency as has been drilled into the minds of millions of people by politicians of the loyal opposition.

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Can the world learn the ways of peace? Are those who dream of the world living in peace dreaming the impossible dream? Many are the people who point to the long history of violence and aggression in the human story and see the hope for a world at peace as the activity of impossible dreamers. Such a person may even admit to a certain sadness that a world without war seems so far out of reach.

The fact of it is the dream of a world learning to find its way without preparing for war is quite a recent development on the world scene. To be sure, a prophet of Israel sang of "you shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace." Jesus made many statements affirming that peace with justice was central to the kingdom he was establishing. Although the call for peace has been high in most of the world's great religions the emergence of a widespread search for peace has come into place only in the last few generations. As recently as world War I the number of people whose consciences cried out against war as a way of settling human differences, was a mere handful. Since that time the emergence of a sharpening human conscience over the awful inhumanity of war has grown powerfully. So little had a real conscience developed in people generally regarding war up to the time of world War I that very few churches had a clear witness against war. Now 65 years later, there are few churches or religious groups that are not grappling seriously over the awesome distortions of human justice and mercy that always flows from wars.

War has always been a blunderbus of an instrument for settling human conflicts. Now with its terrifying possibilities for overwhelming destruction of people and nature it is becoming nothing less than an act of mass insanity. We speak of being insane when we say of a person, "He is not in his right mind." An insane person is ever in danger of acting in such a way as to endanger his own or others' welfare. Can anyone in his right mind really believe that the current drift toward accepting war as a reasonable way to settle national differences is anything other than an act of mass insanity? It is well known that both Russia and the United States each have in place nuclear capability to destroy all life on planet Earth seven times over. The two nations alone are capable of destroying all life on the planet fourteen times. We haven't even mentioned all the other nations with nuclear arsenals. Now fear and the consequent numbing of moral sensitivity is encouraging us to get ready for another massive round of further nuclear arming. Will someone in his right mind carefully explain to us why this is not to be regarded as an act of mass insanity.

Are we doing this because we feel strong and confident? No way. We are doing it because we feel weak and vulnerable. It is no secret that in both Russia and the United States, as well as in most of the world, there is decreasing capability to adequately provide for food, housing, clothing and the health of the people. The shortage in non-renewable energy sources accounts for part of this. Yet there is more. There is a breakdown in the traditional structures of society. Our current world culture is dominated by massive amounts of fear. Fear is calling the shots in many national decisions all around the globe.

A question. How wise are the decisions you make when you are acting primarily out of fear? I make notoriously poor and ultimately self-destructive decisions when I am dominated by fear. A study of the decisions people make when they are fearful points toward a veritable trail of self-destructive actions.

Another question. When masses of people are making national decisions with fear as the primary moving force, will this change the poor <sup>average</sup> batting fear has in serving their best welfare? Will not it rather be that the more mass fear dominates decision-making the more self-destructive will be our actions?

I appeal to all people of reason to question what our fear is doing to us. Fear is a destroyer. It has always been a destroyer. Do we imagine we are now going to start making sound decisions out of our fear?

Fear has such a notable record for leading us into dead-ends that we must know that it has power only to betray us. Even as fear prepares us to act against others, it unwittingly causes us to act also against our own best interests.

Is peace such an impossible dream? Is violence inspired by fear the strong arm it is imagined to be? Even as the world has recently increased its drift toward war, there is also a powerful grass-roots search for the ways of peace. When we find the way to peace we will discover it is much more than the absence of war. Peace will come from something much stronger and positive than an abhorance of war. Fear of war, hatred of war - these have no strength to wage peace. Peace- Shalom - is a positive quality of such strength that it will find ways to overcome the fears that betray us into the madness of war. Next month it is my intention to focus on the positive dimensions of peace.

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister  
Monterey United Church of Christ



## Gould Farm News



Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> was a big day for the Farm. The finance committee of the Board of Directors met for the day in joint session with the replication committee in order to prepare recommendations for the May meeting of the Board. Fourteen members of both committees were present, including several from out of town. These were Paul Kennedy, chairman of the Board, David Colt, James Hawkes, Janet McKee and Bill Pearl. Other non-resident members attending were Virgil Brallier, Matt Dempsey, Sally Kelly and Joan Nettleton. Topics dealt with included a report on additional fire safety measures in the main house and a discussion of possible future expansion of the work of Gould Farm.

In the evening, the Gould Farm Players presented, to a large and enthusiastic audience, what was billed on the program as "their own version of the Wizard of Oz". All the important characters appeared - Dorothy, of course, the Wizard, the witches, the Scarecrow, the Tin Woodsman, the Cowardly Lion, the Munchkins-wearing sneakers on their knees, upon which they walked, Griffins, Guards, Farmhands and Auntie Em. The play was directed by Sally Kelly, assisted by Marcia Stucklen. The pianist was Mary Sandbach. Costumes were designed by several friends of the Farm. The audience was encouraged to join in the singing of "Over the Rainbow" and "We're Off to See the Wizard". A very good time was had by all. We hear that there has been a successful repeat performance at the New Marlboro school on April 14.

Ed and Gladys Dunlop received a warm welcome upon their recent return from St. Petersburg, Fla., where they visited Ed's father. Ed assures us that at least for the present and we hope for the foreseeable future, he is home to stay.

Rose Ann Walker has come from Antioch College for a six months work-study program as a staff worker. Her home is in Gainesville, Fla. During the past year, she has worked with juvenile delinquents. She learned about Gould Farm from studying Antioch's files of volunteer jobs open to college students. Rose Ann is a junior at Antioch.

Rose McKee

## MONTEREY GRANGE #291

The Monterey Grange met March 18 for a Conservation Program in charge of Florence Brown, Eleanor Kimberley and Robert Hardisty, which included an interesting and informative talk on Energy Conservation by Micky Friedman and a delightful Nature Walk with slides and sounds by Eleanor Kimberley. The local Selectmen have declared April 19-25 National Grange Week. There will be a display in the local library with other activities to be announced. Members are selling raffle tickets - the drawing will be May 6, 1981.

The Grange met April 1 for a Spring Program. Gt. Barrington Grange #265 filled the chair. Guests were also present from Sandisfield, Hinsdale, Flintstone and Umpachene Falls. The Monterey Grange will furnish the program in Lee on 4/02. The next meeting will be on April 15 when the first and second degrees will be conferred and state Deputy Alicia Brazie will make her official visitation. The Youth are planning a tag sale to be held at a later date.

Mary Wallace, Lecturer



## GIRL SCOUTS

Brownies On March 19, the Brownies traveled to the Hale Farm in Tyringham to see maple syrup being made. The next meeting the girls took a walk looking for early signs of Spring. On April 2, they had a business meeting and discussed what projects and activities they had done to complete the requirements for the Brownie "B" patch. April 9<sup>th</sup> they visited the Thieriot Farm on the Wellman Rd. They toured the greenhouse and even got a ride in a truck.

Juniors are planning to plant flowers in front of the library. Also the Juniors and the cub scouts are going to paint the library basement and put up a mural.

## BOY SCOUTS

Cub Scouts and Webelos Christopher Makuc, Douglas Brown, Edward Harvey and John Blanchard were awarded the highest achievement in cub scouting, the Arrow of Light award during the Cub Scout Pack 51 Blue and Gold Dinner held March 27 at the Harold D. Rood Post #350 in New Marlborough. The four boys also received the following activity badges: aquanaut, artist, scholar, athlete, citizen, sportsman, engineering. Donald Blanchard was the Webelos den leader. Other Monterey boys receiving awards that evening were: Bear - Scott Amstead, Fred Vorck, Scott Sheridan, Steven Funk - Wolf - Paul Bynack, John Pizzichemi. The Bears presented a Magic Show and the Wolves presented a skit. Both dens had visited the Pines Nursing Home in Gt. Barrington on March 13.

YOUTH GROUP is still planning to go to New York on May 15, 16, and 17. Katy Bradley



Report of Democratic Issue-Convention  
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The Platform itself is considered a move toward more liberal thinking. There was for instance a sizable rejection of the anti-abortion plank. Furthermore an amendment was carried against discrimination on the basis of sexual preference. An enactment to support the bottle bill was also carried. So was a moratorium on building Nuclear powerplants until a federally licensed permanent repository of nuclear waste is established.

In conclusion I found it a hopeful and rewarding experience, reassuring in the certainty of a renaissance of the Democratic Party so essential to a healthy Two-Party system.

Fred Lancome

I Love Monterey Day - 1981

A meeting is called for Wednesday, May 14 at 7:30 PM to begin thinking about the "I Love Monterey Day" for 1981. Any and all persons who have interest in helping this day occur are invited. The meeting will be in the social room of the Monterey Church.



CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Masses Schedule

Our Lady of the Valley, Sheffield, Saturday, 5:30 PM;  
Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, and 10:30 AM.  
Immaculate Conception, Mill River, Sunday 10:00 AM.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Worship and  
Regular Meetings

Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30  
A.M. Choir Rehearsal, Tuesdays,  
7:30 PM at the parsonage. Meditation  
and Prayer, Thursdays 7:30 AM in the

social room. All in the community are invited. Prayer group Thursdays, 7:45 PM at the home of Lucy Smith.

Lenten Breakfasts Had  
Lively Participation

For the first time we experimented with a Lenten Breakfast for our Lenten study program this year. The emphasis was on Journey Inward: Journey Outward, with alternate Tuesday mornings following the Christian's journey either inward or outward into the world. One of the largest groups to participate in such a series attended.

Berkshire Association  
Meeting in Egremont

The Berkshire Association of the United Church of Christ is having its Annual Meeting with election of officers on Sunday, April 26 beginning at 2:30 PM. The meeting will be held in the South Egremont church. Dinner reservations should be made through Ann Williams, 528-2348.

Massachusetts Conference  
Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Conference of The United Church of Christ will meet Holyoke College on May 29, 30 and 31. The delegates from the church are Hadley Simons, Ann Williams and Virgil Brallier. The meeting is open to all who may wish to attend. Programs of the event will be on hand in the weeks ahead. Dr. Brallier is giving leadership at the conference by leading a discussion on prayer groups in the church.

Breakfast Meeting  
on Prayer Life  
in Monterey

Following the interest that was generated in the Lenten breakfasts on prayer life, a meeting is proposed to explore ways of further deepening our prayer life and to consider the proposal that small prayer cells be formed of people who agree to join together in praying. This does not necessarily mean meetings together, but keeping in touch with each other regarding things they covenant with each other. The hope is that people of "all kinds and conditions" and regardless of religious affiliation would explore this means of uniting our community. The meeting will be at the home of David and Judith Bach on Hupi Road on Tuesday, May 13 at 7:00 AM. All who have interest in exploring the concept are invited.

CHURCH OF CHRIST CONSCIOUSNESS

Worship and healing services will be held at 7 PM the third Sunday of each month.

Silent Meditation meetings are held at 7 PM the other Sundays until the summer.

Meetings and services are held in the Barn at the Center of the Light in New Marlboro (Former Red Fox Music Camp). Call 229-2396 for information. Complete schedule of classes to be held in the Summer.



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